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C O N F I D E N T I A L BEIRUT 1686

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: MASS, LE, PORG, MARR, ASEC

1. THIS EMBASSY HAS BEEN RECEIVING A NUMBER OF MESSAGES FROM A VARIETY OF MILITARY HEADQUARTERS INDICATING THAT USG IS PREPARING TO ORGANIZE AIRLIFT OF NORWEGIAN UNIFIL CONTINGENTS AND POSSIBLY OTHER SUPPORT MISSIONS FOR UNIFIL TO BEIRUT. IN THIS CONNECTION, WE HAVE JUST RECEIVED TELEPHONE CALL FROM RHEIN MAIN AFB GERMANY REQUESTING PERMISSION FOR 25 US AIR FORCE PERSONNEL TO COME TO BEIRUT FOR WHAT WE ESTIMATE WILL BE A THREE-SEVEN DAY STAY TO HANDLE UNLOADING OF US AIRCRAFT.

2. WE ASSUME THAT DEPARTMENT IS FULLY AWARE FROM PREVIOUS EMBASSY AND DATT REPORTING OF RISKS TO AMERICAN PERSONNEL WHICH WOULD BE INVOLVED IN SUCH AN OPERATION. IN THIS CONNECTION, WE NOTE FROM PREVIOUS TRAFFIC (USUN 1025) THAT FRG HAD OFFERED TO ORGANIZE AIRLIFT OF NORWEGIAN UNIFIL CONTINGENT IF REQUESTED. IN OUR VIEW, GERMAN PERSONNEL WOULD BE LESS EXPOSED TO POSSIBLE HARASSMENT AND/OR HOSTILE ELEMENTS IN LEBANON THAN AMERICANS.

3. IF USG HAS DECIDED THAT USAF SHOULD UNDERTAKE THIS MISSION, THIS EMBASSY WILL OF COURSE DO EVERYTHING  
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POSSIBLE TO ASSURE SAFETY OF US PERSONNEL AND EQUIPMENT INVOLVED. BEFORE LAUNCHING INTO FULL-SCALE PREPARATIONS FOR EXERCISE, HOWEVER, WOULD APPRECIATE DEPARTMENT'S CONFIRMATION THAT USG HAS TAKEN SUCH A DECISION.  
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